AFTER DEFERRED ACTION: BENEFITS YOU MAY BE ELIGIBLE FOR*

HOW TO OBTAIN A SOCIAL SECURITY CARD
Once your deferred action application is approved and you receive your work permit, you can apply for a Social Security card. You can do this in three easy steps:

1. Go to the Social Security Administration website, www.ssa.gov;
2. On the website, locate, print, and complete the “Social Security Card Application” (Form SS-5); and
3. Bring the completed form, along with your work permit, and your unexpired passport to your local Social Security office (you can find a listing of Social Security offices at www.ssa.gov).

HOW TO OBTAIN A NEW YORK STATE ID OR NEW YORK STATE DRIVER’S LICENSE
Once you have your work permit and Social Security card, you are in a position to apply for a New York State ID. To do this you need the following:

1. Go to the New York State Department of Motor Vehicles website, www.dmv.ny.gov;
2. On the website, locate, print, and complete the “Application for Driver License Or Non-Driver ID Card” (Form MV-44);
3. Bring the completed form, along with your work permit, your Social Security card, and one of the following*: (1) your college ID card with photo and transcript, (2) computer printed pay stubs, or (3) credit card or bank statement, to your local DMV office (you can find a listing of DMV offices at www.dmv.ny.org).

* Other documents may also qualify. Check www.dmv.ny.org for more details.

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IN-STATE TUITION AT THE CITY UNIVERSITY OF NEW YORK

If you don’t already receive in-state tuition at CUNY, you may become eligible once you are granted deferred action. Go to your campus’s registrar with proof that you were granted deferred action and proof that you have resided in New York for at least a year (before or after receiving deferred action).

DEFERRED ACTION AND PUBLIC HEALTH INSURANCE

In New York, applicants for deferred action meet the immigration status requirements for Medicaid, Family Health Plus, the Family Planning Benefit Program, and must also meet the income requirements for these programs.

Where to Apply:

Individuals may apply for public health insurance with facilitated enrollers at community-based organizations or health plans, at HRA Medicaid offices in New York City, Social Services offices outside of New York City, public hospitals, and Department of Health Clinics. For a list of enrollers in New York City visit: http://www.nyc.gov/html/hia/html/public_insurance/enroll.shtml.

For enrollers outside of NYC go to: http://www.health.state.ny.us/health_care/medicaid/ldss.htm.

What to Bring:

Individuals who have applied for deferred action will need to bring several documents to prove their eligibility for public health insurance. Individuals will need to bring: 1) Proof of identity; 2) Proof of residence in New York; 3) Proof of income; 4) Proof of application for deferred action; and 5) Proof that U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) has received the application for deferred action.

FREE COMMUNICATION ASSISTANCE

All applicants for public health insurance, including Limited English Proficient speakers, have a right to get help in a language they can understand. All Medicaid offices and enrollers are required to offer free communication assistance. Oral interpretation services should be provided and important documents, such as Medicaid applications, should be translated either orally or in writing. If a Medicaid office or enrollment site cannot provide a bilingual enroller or in-person interpreter, an interpreter over the telephone may be used instead. Medicaid offices and enrollers must not charge a fee for communication assistance or require that applicants bring their own interpreter.

DEFERRED ACTION AND OTHER PUBLIC BENEFITS

Non-citizens with deferred action are not eligible for any federal public benefit, including federal financial aid, food stamps, housing subsidies and the Pre-existing Condition Insurance Plan Program. They will not be eligible to purchase health insurance through the federal Healthcare Exchange when it becomes operational in 2014.